

(b) The average cost of production per tonne of lignite (in NLC) and coal (in CIL) during the last three years is given below:

(Rs./Tonne)

	Lignite (NLC)	Coal (CIL)
1988-89	146.03	252.91
1989-90	173.82	264.69
1990-91	189.92	277.17

(c) Installed capacity	Capacity utilisation (against target)		
	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91
1230 MW (upto August, 1990)	118.10%	106.75%	106.0%
1220 MW (from September, 1990)			

(d) to (f) The lignite requirement of power stations at Neyveli during the last three years, as indicated below, was met in full:

(Lakh tonnes)

1988-89	80.10
1989-90	85.49
1990-91	86.27

However, limited quantity of oil is essentially required for stabilisation and also for start up/shut down of power plants. The consumption of oil is given below:

1988-89	24870.24	KL
1989-90	28054.67	KL
1990-91	18498.24	KL

[Translation]

### Techno-economic approval to Korba Power Plant

1841. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VERMA:

SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR:

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether techno-economic approval has been granted by the Central

Electricity Authority for the expansion of unit No. 5 and 6 of Korba Power Plant; and

(b) if so, the time by which the financial approval is likely to be granted by the Planning Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Approval of the scheme is being processed in the Planning Commission.

### Container Service

1842. SHRI TEJ NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any steep fall in home container service of the Railways during last two years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps the Government propose to take to improve the functioning of container service?